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1. PGNU SPOKESMAN OUDAY SOUVANNAVONG HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE JANUARY 9 ON PREVIOUS DAY'S CABINET MEETING. AS HAS BECOME CUSTOMARY, THE TWO DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS JOINTLY PRESIDED OVER THE MEETING.

2. THAKHEK: MINISTER OF INTERIOR PHENG PHONGSAVAN GAVE A REPORT ON SITUATION IN THAKHEK IN WHICH HE STATED THAT THE TOWN WAS CALMING DOWN. THE CABINET GAVE PHENG RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACHIEVING A SETTLEMENT.

3. NORTH VIETNAMESE AID: MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS SINGKAPO SIKOTCHOUNAMALY GAVE A REPORT ON NORTH VIETNAMESE AID UNDER THE RECENTLY-APPROVED AGREEMENT. HE SAID FIRST GROUP OF 100 TRUCKS WOULD ARRIVE IN PAKSANE FROM NORTH VIET-NAM ON JANUARY 15. EACH TRUCK WOULD CARRY THREE TONS OF GOODS. THEREAFTER, AN ADDITIONAL 300 TONS WOULD
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REACH PAKSANE EVERY DAY UNTIL THE PROMISED 50,000 TONS

HAD BEEN DELIVERED. COMMITTEE HAS BEEN SET UP TO RECEIVE THIS ASSISTANCE. CHAIRMAN IS THANH PHAMSAVANH, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PRIMARY EDUCATION; SOMNOK KHATTIGNAVONG, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS AT THE MINISTRY OF PLAN AND SOUKHAMTHAT CHOUNLAMANY, FORMER DEPUTY FROM KHAMMOUANE PROVINCE, ARE TO SERVE AS VICE CHAIRMEN. THEY ARE TRAVELING TO PAKSANE TODAY, JANUARY 9, TO EXAMINE WAREHOUSE FACILITIES THERE AND STUDY MOST EXPEDIENT MEANS OF TRANSFERRING GOODS FROM PAKSANE TO OTHER DESTINATIONS IN LAOS.

4. MINISTRY OF RURAL AFFAIRS: CABINET DECIDED TO ABOLISH MINISTRY OF RURAL AFFAIRS, WHICH HAD NO MINISTER IN THE PGNU. IN THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT, THE PRIME MINISTER HAD ALSO HELD THE RURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO. ITS PERSONNEL (AND PRESUMABLY ITS FUNCTIONS) ARE TO BE ABSORBED BY THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS.

5. CHINESE AID: DR. SOMPHOU OUDOMVILAY, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ECONOMY AND PLAN, WAS DESIGNATED TO HEAD THE PGNU'S DELEGATION TO PEKING TO DISCUSS THE MODIALITIES OF THE PRC'S PROMISED ASSISTANCE.
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